

Germans Report Russia In Preparation For Big Drive

London, Jan. 9.—The Russians are preparing to launch a great new offensive in the Riga sector, according to a Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, quoting German newspaper correspondents on the eastern front. The Russian troops are said to be equipped with great quantities of munitions and backed by large reserves. Near Mitau and south of Riga the artillery fire is reported to have constantly increased on both sides during the last few days and to have now become extremely violent. The weather is frosty and clear and the country covered with snow.

Withdrawal From Tessaly Athens, Jan. 7.—Via London, Jan. 9.—The withdrawal of Greek troops from Tessaly has virtually been completed. Women armed with rifles are replacing the guards on the railroads and bridges in the passes. In Romania, Berlin, Jan. 9.—The official report to day details desperate fighting in the valleys leading into the interior of northern Roumania and says Calrauska was captured by storm. Capture of ninety-nine officers, 5,400 men, three cannon and ten machine guns is claimed. Petrograd, Jan. 9.—The Russians along one sector of the front in Roumania have fallen back without hindrance by the Teutonic forces to new positions along the line of the Putna and Sereth rivers. On the Moldavian western frontier, attacks in the Oltuzand and Suchitza valleys were beaten off, but the Roumanians were forced back slightly in the Kasno valley. Western Front Paris, Jan. 9.—North of the Oise, after a lively bombardment last night, the Germans shrapnel and trench mortars, afterwards repulsing a counter-attack.

LOCAL NEWS

January 9th?

SPECIAL NOTICE Boy's overcoat at special cut prices for this week only at C. J. Basson's, corner Union and Sydney. 1-11

LOST—In Queen or Ludlow streets, West End, lady's hand bag containing \$12 and pair glasses. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at T. Donovan's, Queen street.

New shipment of electric curling tongs, hair dryers, etc.—Jones Electric Co., Coburg street. 1-10

Buy your boots, shoes, rubbers, pants, overalls, shirts, socks, and caps at C. J. Basson's, corner Union and Sydney, where values are always good. 1-11

AT LILLY LAKE Will the gentleman who got the wrong overcoat, through mistake, kindly return it to Mr. Merritt and get his own coat?

MOOSE NOTICE The regular meeting of the St. John Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, 1188, will be held at the Moose Hall, 140 Union street, tomorrow, Wednesday evening, at 8:00 o'clock. A full attendance is requested. A. W. Corey, secretary.

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Mayor Hayes has sanctioned a collection being made for the Russian war sufferers. Look out for the lady collectors next week.

White, grey, fawn, brown, high cut, rice fitting gaiters, only \$1.88, at Levine's shoe store, 96 Charlotte street and 87 Brussels street. Open evenings.

HERE AT LAST We have just received a full stock of colored gaiters in white, grey, fawn and brown. These are American make and fit beautifully. Price \$1.88.—Levine's Two Shoe Stores, 96 Charlotte street and 87 Brussels street. Open evenings.

A STUDENT OF GEOGRAPHY "The Quaker Oats Co., West St. John, Quebec, Ont." is the address on a letter received in this city from an officer of the Chicago and North Western Railway Co. in Illinois.

COMMENCING TODAY Steamers Prince Edward Island and Stanley will make daily trips, except Sunday, between Pictou and Charlottetown leaving at 7 a. m.

FIRE! FIRE! FIRE! Watch for D. Basson's fire sale announcement in Thursday's Times, 14-16-18 Charlotte street. Red hot bargains in all departments.

Don't forget the fund for the Russian War Sufferers.

Smoking hot bargains at D. Basson's fire sale on Friday next. Watch for our announcement on Thursday, 14-16-18 Charlotte street.

A lady collector will ask you next week to help the Russian War Sufferers' fund. Don't refuse, it is for a good cause.

JANUARY LILACS A lovely bunch of white lilacs was presented to the Times this morning, from the farm of Philip S. Catheline, near the farm of the same name, in their own indoors. The color was pure, their odor delicious.

Special meeting Ladies' Auxiliary A. O. U. in their Hall, Union street this evening at 7:30. Full attendance is requested.

NOTICE There will be a special meeting of the City Cornet Band in the band room at 8 o'clock sharp tonight. All members please attend.

CARPENTERS WANTED To attend meeting Wednesday evening, January 10, Oddfellows' Building, corner Union street and Haer's avenue. Every carpenter in city is requested to attend meeting. Matters of vital interest will be discussed. 1-11

NOTICE Beginning Tuesday, January ninth, until further notice, our stores will close Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 6 p. m., Mondays and Fridays at 9 p. m., and Saturdays at 11 p. m.—Wheat's Cash Stores. 1-10

Only One "BROMO QUININE" To get the genuine, call for full name, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. GROVE. Cures a Cold in One Day. 25c.

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MOTHER AND SISTER, LAURA B. DUERDEN, bills.

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

AT THE STAR TOMORROW



To the People of the North End—This will be my first appearance in the North End and it will give everybody an opportunity to see car fare by attending the Star. I do hope you will not miss this picture. Sincerely yours, VIVIAN MARTIN.

LAST TIMES TONIGHT The present fine programme running at the Gem will be given its final presentation tonight at 7:15 and 8:45 o'clock. You'll enjoy the vaudeville. Come and laugh with Billy Tann and the big Fox picture. All new programme tomorrow afternoon.

THE WHEAT MARKET. Chicago, Jan. 9.—Opening prices, which ranged from 5-8 to 17-8 higher, with May at 1.99-8 to 1.99 and July at 1.54-1 to 1.55, were followed by a setback to well under yesterday's finish.

For a Hacking or Annoying Cough, Try Royal Balm of Canadian White Pine 25c a Bottle THE ROYAL PHARMACY 47 King Street

ESTABLISHED 1894

Your Broken Glass can be duplicated here accurately and promptly. Prescription is not necessary. Our new factory for grinding lenses has brought our Optical Service to the height of efficiency.

D. BOYANER TWO STORES: 38 Dock Street, 155 Charlotte Street.

THE BEST QUALITY AT A REASONABLE PRICE

You Ought to Have a Good Watch A good watch means, first of all, an accurate reliable timekeeper. After that comes appearance which will be a credit to you.

Such a watch is a valuable business equipment—brings in actual cash returns through the value it makes one place on time and the prestige it gives the bearer.

Sharpe's have fine selections in good watches—standard makes, 17 to 23 jewels, in best quality gold-finish. Priced from \$15 to \$30.

These watches have our unequalled guarantee, and are big values for the money.

L. L. Sharpe & Son, Jewelers and Opticians, 21 KING ST., ST. JOHN, N. B.

We Have Just Received A New Line of Attractive Furniture

which will not fail to appeal to the woman who takes delight in making her home a joy forever.

It is a great pleasure to show our stock. You will find that we carry everything that the well furnished home requires, from kitchen to parlor.

We invite you to come in and look through these new pieces whether you purchase or not.

THE HOUSE FOR FURNITURE ECONOMY.

J. MARCUS 30 Dock Street Look for the Electric Sign

TO LEARN IF THERE IS A PAPER TRUST

Washington Starts Inquiry and Promises Prosecution if Evidence of Violation of Laws is Found

Washington, Jan. 9.—Attorney-General Gregory has taken over the field of the Federal Trade Commission's inquiry into the paper market with a view to determining whether there is a paper trust, and to instituting civil and criminal proceedings against manufacturers of cheap paper, who have violated the anti-trust laws.

For several weeks past department of justice officials have been in frequent consultation with the trade commission on the situation and are understood to have under serious consideration the early institution of grand jury proceedings, at which indictments charging violation of the criminal section of the law will be asked.

Officials say they are handicapped by the fact that more than half of the paper consumed in the United States is produced in Canada by manufacturers who would be outside the jurisdiction of American courts in any proceedings that might be deemed advisable. This condition, however, would not apply to American agents of such manufacturers.

The trade commission's investigation was conducted in response to a congressional resolution to report to congress will be made within a few days. The investigators went into American and Canadian paper mills for cost of production and profit figures, and at open hearings the commission sought to ascertain if a combination had been formed to control prices.

Publishers charged at the hearings that the manufacturers had restricted both to control prices and to restrict production. Some testified that manufacturers had refused to sell to the dealers because of their activity in exposing the manufacturers' methods. Others declared they had been threatened with such refusal by manufacturers.

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 50c.

DEATHS RITCHIE—At the General Public Hospital on the 8th inst., of pneumonia, Michael D. Ritchie, in the 26th year of his age, leaving his wife and five small children to mourn.

FUNERAL—On Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from his late residence, 97 Sheffield street. Friends invited.

KELLY—On January 9, 1917, Michael P., son of the late John and Elizabeth Kelly.

FUNERAL—On Wednesday at 8:30 from the residence of his mother, P. McFadden, 32 Exmouth street, to Cathedral for requiem high mass. Friends invited.

CROSSLAN—At Fairville, on the 8th inst., Mary Ellen, second daughter of William and Rose Crosslan, leaving her parents, two brothers and three sisters to mourn.

FUNERAL—On Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock to St. Rose's church.

WALLACE—On January 8, at the residence of Dr. R. C. Ruddle, Paradise Island, Joan Wallace, daughter of the late John Wallace, of Hillsboro. Interment at Hillsboro. Notice of funeral later.

KEE—In this city on Jan. 8th inst., Thomas Kee, in the 88th year of his age, leaving two sons and a daughter.

FUNERAL—From his late residence, 139 Lennox street, on Wednesday at 2:30 p. m.

CARDS OF THANKS Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bedford, of Sand Cove road, and family, desire to thank their many friends for sympathy extended to them in their recent bereavement; also for many floral tributes received.

IN MEMORIAM McLEOD—In loving memory of Kenneth McLeod, who departed this life on Jan. 9, 1916. Dearest father, thou hast left us, And our loss we deeply feel; But 'tis God who has bereft us, He can all our sorrows heal.

Yet again we hope to meet thee When the day of life has fled, There in Heaven with joy to meet thee Where no farewell tears are shed. WIFE AND FAMILY.

DUERDEN—In loving memory of William Willard Duerden, who died on Jan. 4, 1900. "Asleep in Christ with God."

MOTHER AND SISTER, LAURA B. DUERDEN, bills.

CHICAGO HAS A POLICE SENSATION

Chicago, Jan. 9.—Further arrests were promised today by State Attorney Hoyne, in his investigation into an alleged police ring, whose vice manipulations he charged, have netted thousands of dollars annually.

Mr. Hoyne charged that "a great majority of police captains and lieutenants of Chicago" are involved in a scandal which resulted in the arrests last night of Chas. C. Healey, chief of police, Martin White, a police lieutenant, and three others on warrants charging extortion, conspiracy and bribery.

REAL ESTATE NEWS Transfers of real estate have been recorded as follows:—

Denis McCarthy to H. A. Porter, property in Simons.

John Murray to Mary L. wife of W. R. McDonald, property in City Road.

H. A. Porter to A. G. Leavitt, property in Simons.

Mrs. Rebecca J. Smith to St. Martins, Kings County.

Melvin Anderson to Matthew Tait, property in Pictou.

Heirs of William Appleby to Lila Appleby, property in Hampton.

H. E. Berry to G. G. Berry, 4827, property in Sussex.

Florence L. Coleman to R. A. Gilliland, 2229, property in Rothsay.

Deborah J. Green to L. M. Smith, 83-00, property in Upham.

Charlotte M. Lester to M. J. Thorne, property in Springfield.

J. E. McAuley, to W. W. McAuley, property in Springfield.

C. D. Upham to Ellen C. Payne, property in Upham.

C. H. Wainwright to R. C. Henderson, property in Rothsay.

J. E. White to J. E. McAuley, property in Springfield.

ONE MORE STROKE LIKE AT THE SOMME AND ENEMY DEFENCE ENDS

Brantford, Ont., Jan. 9.—A year will see Germany ripped wide open with a social anti-junker revolution according to a professor in a United States college writing to a relative in Brantford, giving information which he received from a German teacher.

The German's letters speak of starvation, falling man-power and lack of reserves and predict revolution within a year. Germany wants peace, the letters state, and further, if the allies can hit her another crack like the last Somme offensive, Germany will crumble like a house of cards.

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Ridgway's Tea

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Famous Old Country... 60c. lb.

Individual 5 o'clock... 60c. lb.

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2 bags for 5c.

These prices are those which prevailed before the war, while all other teas have advanced 15c. a lb.

Try This English Tea. You Will Like It!

Gilbert's Grocery

PATRIOTIC CAUSES

Soldiers' Comforts. The regular meeting of the West Side Soldiers' Association will be held on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the 'Prentice Boys Hall. All members are requested to be present as business is of importance to be transacted. Mrs. A. W. Fraser president.

THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE SOLDIERS' COMFORTS ASSOCIATION will be held in the Centenary church parlor Wednesday at 8 p. m.

WEDNESDAY EVENING The First Circle-Soldiers' Field Comforts will this week on Tuesday evening, instead of Thursday evening, in their rooms in the eating club, West St. John.

Distress Call from the Russian War Sufferers. The terrible plight of the Russian war sufferers, and they are many, and their appalling sufferings render it imperative to appeal to you all for help, in order to alleviate in some manner the untold horrors of misery prevailing there.

Since the formation of the Russian Relief Fund in this city, which was organized at the beginning of the war, the committee, consisting mostly of ladies, has collected the sum of \$2,500, which has been sent to headquarters at Montreal.

A committee of the Russian Relief Fund will start in St. John on Monday and will endeavor to raise funds for the sufferers of Russia, to alleviate their hardships in this war. Russia is playing her part well with the Allies and she behoves us to give what we can to help their distressing sufferings.

The city will be organized into districts and the collecting will continue throughout the week.

LOCAL NEWS THE "BILLY SUNDAY" EXCURSION The committee has received wire from headquarters of Eastern Steamship Co., that number of passengers for each trip is limited to 200. Persons wishing to go should secure tickets as early as possible at office, 203 Charlotte street. R. H. Cocher. Phone 2852.

EVANGELIST BEATTY ARRIVES TODAY This evening at 8 o'clock, at the Methodist church, Evangelist Rev. B. Beatty, formerly of St. John, will open a four weeks series of revival meetings. The public generally is invited to attend all the services. Miss K. Beatty will assist as soloist in choir leader. "Billy Sunday's" hymn book will be used.

IN SESSION HERE The semi-annual convention of the Brunswick Society of Domestic Sanitary and Heating Engineers is in session today in St. John. In the absence of President D. J. Shea of Fredericton, George S. Gorman of Moncton, the vice-president, is in the chair. This morning the members met at the Moose hall in Union street. There are delegates from Fredericton, Woodstock and Moncton in attendance.

PERSONALS Miss Marion Kelgity of Moncton is the guest of Miss Vroom at Ten Eyck Hall.

William Simpson left this morning for God's station, having been called there on account of the dangerous illness of his brother, Alexander Simpson.

Miss Dorothy Fraser left yesterday to return to the Ladies' College, Halifax, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fraser, Brookville.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Marr and Miss Marr, of Halifax, arrived in the city yesterday and will leave this evening for New York.

Friends of Miss Deborah Coram will be pleased to learn that her condition is slightly improved. Miss Coram has been ill at her home for several weeks, but it is hoped she will soon be about again.

H. C. Groat, superintendent of the New Brunswick division of the C.P.R. to the city today.

R. G. Gillies, superintendent of the Dominion steamship line, arrived in the city today on the Montreal train.

Mrs. A. P. Kitchen of Fredericton is the guest of Mrs. Jarvis Purdy, Douglas avenue.

MAY BE FATAL Fred Layne while working in the McAvoy factory this morning met with a serious accident and is now in the General Public Hospital unconscious and is not expected to live. It is understood that a piece of an emery wheel flew and struck him, causing a severe gash in the side of the head and a fracture of the skull.

He belongs to the West Indies. He has a wife and seven children.

TO HEAR SUNDAY Sackville Tribune—Rev. H. E. McAvoy received a purse from his congregations, the contents to be used in paying the expenses of a trip to Boston to study the Sunday revival method for a few days.

SMALL TO BE HANGED BUT NOT FOR A YEAR Osippe, N. H., Jan. 9.—Frederick B. Small was today sentenced to be hanged on January 15, 1918, for the murder of his wife, Mrs. Florence A. Small, at Mountainview, on September 28 last. He maintained his innocence.

LOCAL NEWS

SYNOD COMMITTEE The quarterly committee meetings of the church of England Synod are being held here this week. Bishop Richardson is in the city attending the meetings.

ON THE KENNEBECASIS Farmers from White Head, Chapel Grove, Milford, Baywater and Somerville are daily crossing the ice on the Kennebecasis to Millville with teams. Despite the mild weather the ice is sufficiently strong. Fishermen on the Kennebecasis are meeting with only fair success.

FIVE FEMALE PRISONERS Police Matron Ross was called upon since yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock to attend to no fewer than five women and girls who were gathered in by the police for drunkenness and other charges. Some were well up in years.

One was a fourteen-year-old girl who had run away from her home. Two were sent to the Home of the Good Shepherd and two others were fined \$8 or two months in jail.

BOARD OF TRADE COMPANY The annual meeting of the shareholders of the St. John Board of Trade was held at the beginning of the week in the board rooms. The following were appointed directors for the year:—T. H. Estabrook, W. E. Foster, H. C. Schofield, Richard Sullivan, H. N. Steadman and R. B. Emerson.

At a subsequent meeting, H. Estabrook was elected president of the board. W. E. Foster vice-president and it is E. Armstrong secretary. The annual dividend was ordered.

MARRIED IN ENGLAND The wedding of Captain Guy R. Turner, M. C. of the 1st Divisional Engineers, formerly of Arrostook Junction, and Miss Margaret B. Osborne, only daughter of Mrs. B. Osborne, of this city, was solemnized in the Sutherland Avenue Wesleyan Methodist church, Paddington, West London, on December 21, by Rev. Walter E. Rees.

The bride was attended by Mrs. J. C. McDonald and was given away by Captain J. C. McDonald, M. C. 1st Canadian Divisional Engineers, a brother officer of the groom. Captain Turner was supported by his brother, Captain A. Roy Turner, also of the engineers. The bride wore a traveling suit and carried a bouquet of white roses.

Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was given at the Carlton Hotel, London, after which Mr. and Mrs. Turner left for Halifax, where the bride will reside.

INTERNAL TROUBLES OF GERMANY INCREASE; DEMAND FOR PEACE

London, Jan. 9.—(New York Sun cable)—The German social democrats are circulating petitions to be sent to Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg demanding that Germany give up all plans of conquest and make peace at once, a peace that will guarantee to the empire political independence and territorial integrity at a freedom for its economic development.

Moncton, N. B., Jan. 9.—"I don't think this war will last very much longer, because all the Germans have lost their courage since they heard of this peace business," writes Pte. Henry Savoy of Moncton, who has been in the trenches about two months. "Whenever they are captured, they throw down their rifles and give themselves up. I think they are nearly done."

Among the recruits who have been at the Moncton recruiting office of the Canadian Engineers, and who have left for the Engineers' Training Depot at St. John's, Quebec, were William McNeil and Donald Campbell, both of Scotland.

MONCTON SOLDIER THINKS GERMANS "NEARLY DONE"

TO MOVE ADDRESS AT OPENING OF SESSION Ottawa, Jan. 9.—Gordon C. Wilson member for Wentworth, is to move and J. A. Descares, member for Jacques Cartier, is to second the address in reply to the speech from the throne at the opening of parliament.

JAPANESE AMONG STEAMERS SUNK London, Jan. 9.—The sinking of three steamers of entente nationality, two of the vessels of more than 2,600 tons, is announced. They are the French steamer Alphonse Conill, of 1,591 tons; the British steamer Leshan, of 2,855 tons built in 1915, and the Japanese steamer Chito Maru, of 2,285 tons.

THOS. LAWSON MAY BE CITED FOR CONTEMPT Washington, Jan. 9.—Continued refusal of Thomas W. Lawson, to answer categorical questions by the house committee in the "reck" inquiry today caused the committee to entertain a motion by Representative Bennett that he be cited before the bar of the house for contempt. The motion was held off the table for action.

At Gibson on Monday, Frank Whitlock died, aged twenty years, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Whitlock. He is survived by his parents, two sisters, Miss Eva, of Fredericton, and Miss Lilla, a home.